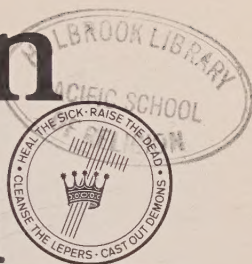


LEVEL
ONE

Christian Science Sentinel



April 2, 1979

Vol. 81, No. 14

50¢

"What I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH."—Jesus

Caring about the world

What is metaphysics?

Right theology —
essential to healing

- 553 **Man is idea, not physique** Ruanne Y. Gentry
 556 **Conforming to divine Principle** Dorothy H. Jones
 558 **Coexistence** (Poem) Janet S. Beaman
 559 **Caring about the world** Lizabeth Hermine Furst
 562 **In time of stress, what do you stress?** Lieber Anker
 564 **From clairvoyance to Christian Science**
 James M. Lounsbury III
 567 **Safe in His care** Richard C. Bergenheim
 569 **Impossible to forgive?** Fern Carroll Williams
 571 **Wrong number?** (Poem) Eloise Barlow Olson
 572 **True to ourselves** Dorothy Kaple
 574 **Why not?** (Poem) Diane Benedict-Gill
 575 **PERSPECTIVE ON THE NEWS**

EDITORIALS

- 577 **What is metaphysics?**
 579 **Right theology—essential to healing**

FOR TEEN-AGERS

- 582 **Honoring the one Parent: God** Rhoda Merle Ford
See testimony, page 592

TESTIMONIES AND NOTICES

- 586 **Testimonies of Christian Science Healing**
 594 **Christian Science Lectures**

[Healing experiences in *Sentinel* articles for children as well as adults are carefully verified.]

Founded in 1898 by Mary Baker Eddy,
 Author of the Christian Science Textbook,
Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures



Marca Registrada

Christian Science Sentinel (ISSN 0009-563X). Published weekly by The Christian Science Publishing Society, One Norway Street, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. 02115. Second-class postage paid at Boston, Massachusetts. The design of the Crown and Crown seal is a trademark of The Christian Science Board of Directors, registered in the United States and other countries. Used by permission. Subscription price, postpaid to all countries, one year, \$17.50; six months, \$8.75; single copy, 50 cents.

Postmaster: Send address changes to The Christian Science Publishing Society, One Norway Street, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. 02115.

© 1979 The Christian Science Publishing Society. All rights reserved.

[Printed in U.S.A.]

Christian Science Sentinel®

Marca Registrada

“What I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH.” Jesus

Man is idea, not physique

RUANNE Y. GENTRY

Man is evidence that God exists.

How this God-based concept differs from the generally accepted belief that man is an insignificant mortal, living precariously between birth and death in a physical body! The real man (the real you and me) is Godlike, complete in every detail—no restrictive physique here.

Creation, then, is the evolvment of divine Mind, not a biological process. This may fly in the face of the evidence of physical sense, but it is nonetheless true. The consequence of a non-material cause, of Spirit itself, must be spiritual. And Spirit manifests itself in ideas, for Spirit is Mind, the absolute, governing, creative force of the universe. Man is the grandest of Spirit's ideas. It is impossible for matter to form the genuine man. The Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, states with clear insight, “Mind creates His own

likeness in ideas, and the substance of an idea is very far from being the supposed substance of non-intelligent matter.”¹

What is misnamed man—a molecular, chemical, biological creature—is not man at all. It is a misconception, existing exclusively in a supposed mortal mind apart from God and expressing that false consciousness. This does not mean that man is imperceptible or insubstantial; he is substantial and eternal because God is. It simply means man cannot be mortal. To find our true selves we need to begin clarifying our understanding of our creator, the Mind and Spirit we reflect. As we strive to understand and love God, we discover ourselves and others to be His indestructible, noble creations.

Because God is Soul, the originator of all beauty and joy and individuality, each of us, in truth, expresses these qualities. Many people regard soul as a spiritual essence temporarily imprisoned in a physical body, to be released at death. But the Science of Christ logically explains man as entirely spiritual, the outcome of Spirit, of the one infinite Soul. A perception of this strengthens us mentally and physically.

Because God is immeasurable Mind, man expresses limitless mental capacities. Intelligence is not determined by brain or heredity. How useful a realization of this fact is to us! The burden of belief in a fenced-in intelligence, mental fatigue, retardation, illness, drought of creativity, can be lifted.

Man has life because God is his Life. Man loves because it is his nature to love as Love's idea. He is the very emanation of infinite Love, living securely within it. He includes only the ideal, because he is Truth's expression.

There is another synonymous term that helps further our understanding of God and so sharpens our picture of man. God is divine Principle. He is the emanator of all genuine law and the governor of man's being. Man is inseparable from this faultless guiding power. He reflects Principle's integrity, wisdom, purity.

We acknowledge that man is idea. And what a beautiful idea he is! But what are we going to do about the material body that so insistently appears to be us? Mustn't we outgrow this physical body so we can more fully represent God? Does the truth of man as God's idea have practical value right now?

First of all, our purpose is not to get rid of a mortal body. The fact is, true identity is not made of matter. Spirit is the substance of all being. Matter is a concept of mortal mind, and mortal mind itself is a counterfeit of the one divine Mind. What we do have to get rid of is a false belief about body, or identity.

The physical body is the counterfeit of true spiritual identity. This statement of Mrs. Eddy's sheds light on the subject: "Every material belief hints the existence of spiritual reality; and if mortals are instructed in spiritual things, it will be seen that material belief, in all its manifestations, reversed, will be found the type and representative of verities priceless, eternal, and just at hand."²

We manifest health and freedom—less materiality—as we purify our thought, realizing that everything of which we are conscious constitutes our present sense of identity. As we yield our mentality to the omniscience of the one Mind, which forms its own matterless image, shackles imposed by the belief in organic, structural life begin to fall off. Sickness and disease are healed. But what appears to be the healing of the physical body is actually the healing of thought.

Nothing is external to consciousness. We have dominion over our bodies—dominion bestowed by Mind. While people generally content—or discontent—themselves by searching for material causes or cures, Christian Science points out how we can look within divine consciousness for all health. Through prayer we perceive the healing ideas continuously being communicated to us by the indwelling Christ, Love's healing presence.

Referring to his forthcoming demonstration over physicality, Christ Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."³ Interpreting his words, Mrs. Eddy writes, "Jesus said: 'Destroy this temple [body], and in three days I [Mind] will raise it up;' and he did this for tired humanity's reassurance."⁴

We can transform our lives—even spiritualize our concept of substance and identity—as we yield to the resurrecting power of the Christ. We are now, in reality, living in the realm of Spirit as Spirit's own precious ideas. The true man is spiritual, embodying God's qualities. God and man exist in inseparable unity.

No convoluted argument of mortal mind, no claim of physical science, can alter the spiritual facts of man's identity, purpose, and substance. We will never be less than the man God created. We can use the pure power of this truth to regenerate and heal our present sense of identity. We can do it *now*, for the truth is true now.

¹ *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 257; ² *Miscellaneous Writings*, pp. 60-61; ³ John 2:19; ⁴ *Science and Health*, p. 494.

Conforming to divine Principle

DOROTHY H. JONES

There is nothing that you and I can do to prevent divine Principle from being what it already is. Divine Principle is the source of invariable, universal spiritual law. Principle, God, cannot be personally limited, personally possessed, or personally controlled. It operates free of restrictive human personality, restoring harmony to our daily affairs when we acknowledge its might and presence.

Divine Principle holds the spiritual universe and man eternally perfect. This is the truth of all being, and it is the truth of our being now. We need to establish it in our thoughts and acts, humbly giving up the material concept of God and His creation.

Divine Principle is always correct and consistent, and the more spiritually correct and consistent we are in what we think and do, the more our lives come under the government of Principle.

Mortal mind, the supposed opposite of the one divine Mind, would resist the requirements of Principle as restrictions that hamper individual freedom. Even an earnest Christian may at

times shrink from the demands of the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount and turn to the comparative comfort of human opinion and self-justification. But the divine Principle that underlies Christian Science Mind-healing is not at the beck and call of personal desire.

"In Christian Science mere opinion is valueless," writes Mrs. Eddy. "Proof is essential to a due estimate of this subject. Sneers at the application of the word *Science* to Christianity cannot prevent that from being scientific which is based on divine Principle, demonstrated according to a divine given rule, and subjected to proof."¹

Vivid Bible stories tell of men who, impelled by Principle, adhered to a higher moral standard than those about them. Others, awakened to the need of conforming to Principle, were transformed and exalted above their fellowmen. The Psalmist certainly felt the joy of living in obedience to divine Principle when he said, "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart."²

Temptation to deviate from the standard set by the Science of Christ seems insistent at times. No one is exempt from the law of Principle. Love chastens us and corrects our infractions of divine law, gently leading us into the right path.

Once we realize that strict obedience to moral and spiritual law brings us the greatest happiness, we won't lower our standards to please another or abandon them under persecution. When we are in accord with Principle, we are as honest in private as we are in public.

Though the world called them miracles, Christ Jesus' healing works were manifestations of a life in accord with Principle. His teachings lifted his followers toward that higher sense of existence from which he himself never wavered. Preaching to them of one heavenly Father, he refused to acknowledge human ties. And when one man referred to him as "good Master," Jesus quickly pointed to the impersonal source of all good, saying, "Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God."³

What is it that lures us away from what we know is upright, that causes us to feel separated from God? Christian Science

identifies this supposed influence as animal magnetism. In essence, it is the lie that life is in matter. It would contaminate our consciousness until we seem capable of committing wrong—and then quite willing to excuse ourselves from any blame!

“There is no hypocrisy in Science,” Mrs. Eddy writes. “Principle is imperative. You cannot mock it by human will. Science is a divine demand, not a human. Always right, its divine Principle never repents, but maintains the claim of Truth by quenching error.”⁴

If divine Principle never repents, then the repenting must go on in human consciousness. But how grateful we can be that we don’t have to make ourselves over into perfect mortals! In truth we are as perfect now as we’ll ever be, because we’re actually immortal spiritual ideas, expressive of God’s own being. In reality there are no inferior or superior mortals, no good or evil mortals—no mortals at all. Our work is to consistently correct false concepts of ourselves and others with the truth of spiritual creation. Then we’ll know God so well that we’ll naturally conform to Principle. We won’t doubt His care or feel outside His presence or lose our Christliness.

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 341; ² Ps. 40:8; ³ Mark 10:18; ⁴ *Science and Health*, p. 329.

Coexistence

Perfect God, perfect man—
This is Love’s eternal plan.

Refuse to heed the serpent’s lie,
That man is flesh and so must die.

Life and man: the two as one—
Perfect Father, perfect son.

JANET S. BEAMAN

Caring about the world

LIZABETH HERMINE FURST

Can we contribute to an atmosphere in which world problems can be seen more objectively and less passionately—a friendly atmosphere in which fair solutions may emerge, be recognized and adopted? The swirling sea of world conditions suggests that we can't, that there are just too many overwhelming problems. But Christian Science, mankind's best friend, says the opposite.

This revolutionary Science turns negative thinking around and teaches that the more spiritual our view of the world, the more harmony we lend to the common view. We can't simply dismiss the world and its problems as beyond us. We are accountable for what we think about the world, whether positive or negative, caring or ignoring.

Through a very caring woman, Mary Baker Eddy, came the discovery of Christian Science, stating in unequivocal terms, "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all."¹ Not only did Mrs. Eddy write out her discovery in *Science and Health*; in page after page she leads us in the practical application of Science to human needs. This application is healing prayer, or scientific prayer, because it is based on spiritual law and divine logic and filled with fervent caring for God and man.

When we enter ardently into such prayer, when we feel a deep commitment to gain the spiritual sense of a situation, we're ready to go beyond appearances and see the mental shape of events. We discern that what is honest, just, and wise is the effect of the Christ—it is derived from Mind. What is dishonest, unjust, and unwise proceeds from the supposed absence of Mind and is therefore subject to exposure and correction.

To our inner eye, focusing on the goodness of God, there can come such a glimpse of the spiritual truth of a situation that we can never slip back to a merely material standpoint. Our im-

proved attitude becomes a steadying influence. We are less impressed with negative news reports, more charitable toward all individuals, more patient as human thought gropes its way to a satisfactory solution.

Recently, when hearing of continuing developments in the Middle East, I heeded an inner urge to pray daily about them. This became a definite commitment to contribute to a clear atmosphere in which the leaders could resolve differences.

My first challenge was to establish such an atmosphere for myself. I had to meet the negative suggestion that prayer was confronting the impossible. Grasping the reason for Christ Jesus' tender counsel "Be not afraid, only believe,"² I saw that in reality—that is, in Mind—there was nothing to fear, nothing to change; there was only the spiritual reality to be seen.

I listened for ideas and they came, uncovering like hidden jewels the higher character of Israel and Egypt as recorded in the Bible. Israel was to be "a light of the Gentiles"³ (those who knew not God). I accepted this as the true and spiritually authentic character of Israel. And in my heart I had long been grateful for the illumination of God and His law that had come through Israel.

Up until now biblical Egypt had been to me "the house of bondage."⁴ But my desire to see Egypt in a higher sense brought her genuine character into view. The Bible relates at least four instances when Egypt was indispensable to the development of Israel: (1) When Abram, Sarai, and their company faced starvation and went to Egypt for sustenance (see Gen. 12:10); (2) When Egypt became the land of opportunity for Joseph (see Gen. 39-41); (3) When Egypt again provided sustenance during a famine, this time for the patriarch Israel and his family (see Gen. 42-47); (4) When Egypt provided safety for the infant Jesus, an angel having directed Joseph to take Mary and the young child to Egypt (see Matt. 2:13-21).

I saw that Egypt's expression of hospitality and opportunity could never be at variance with Israel's presentation of the idea of one God and His law, nor could these concepts change into their opposites. In the adjacent nations I could see only what was beside, or brother to, Israel and Egypt. And this could not

be distorted to anti-brother, regardless of what mortal views claimed.

To the eternal man, God's representative, the ideas of unfolding spiritual light, the inclusiveness of good, and brotherhood are always present in perfect harmony. And there is nothing in God's man to impede or impair, resist or reject, right ideas.

A spiritual sense of what appeared as the Middle East situation developed so firmly as I prayed daily about it that this spiritual sense became an irresistible and solid conviction. It governed my consciousness. It filled me with love and compassion for all the people involved. It brought the recognition that their yearning for good was a yearning for God. Intuitively I felt that the prayers of many people were beneficial in clearing the air so that a way could be seen to unknot some of the Middle East tangle.

This intuition that prayer for the world is indeed effective was accompanied by an interesting side effect. One morning when I was doing this work, I felt an adjustment in my ear. Later when I answered the telephone I realized that full hearing had been restored. For five months I had been partially deaf in one ear.

Although I was glad to hear normally again, the healing took second place to the spiritual adventure and refreshment of heeding the urge to pray daily for the Middle East —and to continue to pray until the issues are fairly settled.

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 468; ² Mark 5:36; ³ Isa. 42:6; ⁴ Ex. 20:2.

Monitor series on Christian healing

The Christian Science Monitor has been running a series of articles on the growing interest in Christian healing. The articles have been exploring the currents of thought that give rise to this interest as well as to materially mental methods of cure. The series appears in the daily editions of the *Monitor* on March 13, 14, 15, 16, and 19, and in the weekly international editions of March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 and 9.

In time of stress, what do you stress?

LIEBER ANKER

In times of need, what do you find yourself emphasizing—the problem or God’s love for you? The illness or God’s care of you?

“The Lord is thy keeper,”¹ the Bible asserts. We need to remember this in difficult times; make our importunity for help an opportunity to let God heal us.

The divine Principle of the universe, God, is the source of our spiritual and real selfhood, and God maintains the perfection of that selfhood. Realizing the infinite goodness of Principle and our true nature as its expression, we learn what to emphasize and what to de-emphasize. Stressing the good dispels the darkness of evil; it establishes an understanding of our everlasting unity with God. This unity is our armor, because God’s might and omnipresence preclude anything unlike Him having access to us or even existing. Strain, pressure, stress, cannot exist in the inseparable relationship that exists between God and man.

Troubles would push us into despair, but through Christian Science we can learn to hold on to what we really are and have. Although this holding on to the truth of ourselves as perfect ideas of perfect Mind may be a halting effort at first, it gains strength and sureness as we persevere. We can learn to emphasize what God knows about us: our intactness and reflection of limitless good.

Christ Jesus’ works of healing were immediate. Instead of pausing to analyze each attack of Satan, he rebuked the ungodlike evidence confronting him—instantly and with power. Through his deep awareness of the creator, God, he could perceive God’s creation in its detailed perfection and so restore sight, hearing, speech—even raise the dead to life. He knew what to stress in a time of stress.

Like the healers in the Bible, we can put God first, no matter what form problems take or threaten to take. Doing so places Him, not evil, in the vanguard and leads us to victory.

Paul speaks of "casting down imaginations" and "bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."² As we do this we're placing emphasis where it belongs, watching our thoughts to make sure they come from divine Mind and not from so-called mortal mind.

Mrs. Eddy tells us, "Good demands of man every hour, in which to work out the problem of being."³ We can fulfill that demand by stressing and strengthening our gratitude for God's goodness. Gratitude enables us to de-emphasize our troubles until they disappear. We are then obeying Mrs. Eddy's words, "Think less of material conditions and more of spiritual."⁴

That statement meant a great deal to me when my pocketbook was stolen. I was walking home, singing hymns to praise God's goodness to man. I gave scant attention to a boy who was following me. As I walked through a park where no one was in sight, he snatched my pocketbook and ran away. It would have been easy to feel—and thus stress—fear, loss, condemnation. Instead, aided by my love-filled thoughts of the moment before, I chose to stress joy. I was grateful that God was the Father of both the boy and me and that therefore I couldn't be deprived of God's care, nor could the boy be deprived of his birthright. I was also grateful that I had been guided to put my money purse and house key in my pocket and not in the pocketbook. Stressing the good instead of the evil led to my finding the pocketbook in the park within an hour, with all contents intact.

Mary Baker Eddy asks, "Are we filling the measures of life's music aright, emphasizing its grand strains, swelling the harmony of being with tones whence come glad echoes?"⁵ By stressing the reality of God's goodness, we can reap a blessing from every hardship.

¹ Ps. 121:5; ² II Cor. 10:5; ³ *Science and Health*, pp. 261-262; ⁴ *ibid.*, p. 419; ⁵ *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 116.

From clairvoyance to Christian Science

JAMES M. LOUNSBURY III

One of an occasional series of articles by young people who in recent years have become Christian Scientists. They explain how they became interested in Christian Science, what convinced them of its utility and truth, and how its teachings have changed their lives.

As a youngster I turned to religion for answers, but I was dissatisfied with traditional theology. The concept that Christ Jesus was the only begotten Son of God bothered me. I felt it meant that no matter how hard I tried, no matter how much God loved me, I would never be as acceptable to Him as Jesus, never as perfect as His Son. So why even try?

Recently, while reading Mrs. Eddy's chapter "Genesis" in *Science and Health*, I came across these lines in her exegesis of the first sentence in the Bible: "This word *beginning* is employed to signify *the only*,—that is, the eternal verity and unity of God and man, including the universe." ¹ Turning to the Bible, I saw that the only begotten son of God is actually described in the first chapter. He is the man God created spiritually, characterized by and capable only of good. Christ Jesus, in his unique mission, came to show us this. In some ways I feel that in revealing this fact, the Christ, Truth, has done for me what it did for Lazarus.

In raising Lazarus, Jesus commanded, "Loose him, and let him go." ² To me this means, "Stop binding an individual with your false beliefs. Stop trying to make him what you think you are—a mortal. Let him be what he is—the immortal son of an immortal Father."

All my life I'd been struggling to free myself from the bonds of conventional thinking. It was too stifling, too boxed-in.

Although never a rebel or a troublemaker, I guess I was a radical thinker. For quite some time I was aware that in various situations I seemed to know just what was about to happen before it occurred. Seeking some explanation, I began studying the occult: parapsychology, levitation, spiritualism, and other theories that gave mind dominance over matter. I was even lecturing to different church groups.

As a result of my involvement in such activities as mental telepathy and precognition, I had many questions about things that could not be explained logically—things that tended to refute a sense of life as finite, as limited to what the five physical senses perceive. I questioned anything that would confine mankind inside walls, whether they are the four walls of a room or the barriers of time and space.

In the chapter of *Science and Health* entitled “Christian Science versus Spiritualism,” Mrs. Eddy writes: “In dreams we fly to Europe and meet a far-off friend. The looker-on sees the body in bed, but the supposed inhabitant of that body carries it through the air and over the ocean. This shows the possibilities of thought.”³ In my own way I was discovering “the possibilities of thought.”

It seemed inevitable that I find my way to a logical explanation of all of this. I knew I’d exhausted all the material explanations for the mental phenomena I was investigating. There was only one thing left—Truth.

This study of mental phenomena had pointed to the ascendancy of mind over matter, but so-called occult science, I realized, is a “kingdom divided against itself.”⁴ It seeks to free people from their difficulties by the manipulation of material things, events, persons, and their thinking. It still embraces matter and indicates how through certain mental gymnastics we can maneuver it and accomplish apparently supernatural feats.

This approach didn’t satisfy me, because it left unchallenged the belief that matter is the basis of existence, a belief I was even then starting to question. I was beginning to see that things don’t “just happen.” They occur in consciousness before being manifested outwardly.

It wasn’t until I began the study of Christian Science that

I learned that not only matter but mortal thought itself is fraudulent, illusory, and that God, divine Mind, alone is causative and real. I saw that as we understand this fact, what this Mind knows becomes apparent in terms we can appreciate. Mrs. Eddy writes in *Science and Health*: "Consciousness constructs a better body when faith in matter has been conquered. Correct material belief by spiritual understanding, and Spirit will form you anew."⁵ I stopped trying to correct the consequences of one material belief by superimposing another and tried instead to prove in daily life man's goodness and eternal being. I stopped delving into the occult. It lost any supposed ability to meet my needs as it was displaced by an enlarged understanding of God and His creation.

Christian Science has shown me that our only real job is knowing God. Our only real talent is being Christlike.

As my appreciation of Science deepened, I launched an intensive study of the Bible and Mrs. Eddy's writings, devoting the better part of my day for two and a half years to this end. The more conscientious my efforts to grow spiritually, the more I found the need to study and pray. A good analogy is breathing. There's an ocean of air around us, but if we're just sitting, we don't need much of it. In the same way, if we're content to stay put mentally, we may not feel the need for constantly taking in spiritual inspiration. But just as a sprinter running a hundred-yard dash takes fast, deep breaths, so someone intent on progressing spiritually simply finds he needs the increased inspiration that comes with consistent study and prayer.

When I first took to Christian Science, my understanding of it felt the size of a postage stamp. As I kept studying and then practicing, it seemed as if I had a square of linoleum under me. Now I feel I'm standing on a highway where I can run and dance. And I know it's just the beginning.

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 502; ² John 11:44; ³ *Science and Health*, p. 90; ⁴ Matt. 12:25; ⁵ *Science and Health*, p. 425.

Safe in His care

RICHARD C. BERGENHEIM

Men and women of spiritual vision have long proved that knowing the divine facts of being arrests the threat of crime and disorder. They have been able to acknowledge with the poet, "Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety."¹ We can all share in this confidence, and we will as we purify ourselves with the understanding of God. When we see that God, who is Spirit, Truth, Life itself, is the substance of our being, we find that our perception of life as vulnerable is changed to a sturdy trust in Life as indestructible good.

Criminal behavior is an aggressive form of animal magnetism, or evil. Truth gives us spiritual authority with which to neutralize and destroy it. Evil has no Principle. Its claims of power and organization are a pretense. It is a self-created lie, which would puff itself up in order to appear real and frightening. But it's a fraud lacking cause, substance, potency. The tyranny of evil is overthrown through our progressive recognition of the supreme authority of divine Principle, Love. Principle vanquishes evil.

This understanding is powerful. It protected Moses when the people began to murmur and revolt; and David when his lambs were threatened by bear and lion and his people by the giant, Goliath. It protected Abigail's household from attack. It protected Paul when he was persecuted. An acknowledgment of the omniscient power of divine Mind disarms evil passions and confirms the immutable safety found in Spirit. Each of the above instances has a common thread: an understanding of the Almighty, which lifts one above the waves of evil and carries him into "the secret place of the most High."² Here, where one is conscious of the presence of God, evil ceases to be; even the belief in the possibility of evil is removed from thought.

If our house or one in the neighborhood has been broken into, and we are alert, our first response will be to deepen our aware-

ness of divine Principle through scientific prayer and study. All too often burglar-proofing chains the homeowner to fear—as much as it locks the burglar out. Security is really found “under the shadow of the Almighty.”³ Whatever caretaking measures may be found wise, the real demand is increased spirituality, a more potent awareness of the constancy of God’s care. It is essential that our sense of safety be built on the realization of the utter nothingness of evil and the absolute allness of God. This demands spiritualization of thought, true evangelization of character. Our reward is to experience the operation of divine law. Materially based security, so called, is fragile, vulnerable. Security based on an understanding of Spirit is scientific and ever dependable, the gift of God to us all.

Knowing from personal experience the power of Spirit, Mrs. Eddy wrote to her students: “How blessed it is to think of you as ‘beneath the shadow of a great rock in a weary land,’ safe in His strength, building on His foundation, and covered from the devourer by divine protection and affection. Always bear in mind that His presence, power, and peace meet all human needs and reflect all bliss.”⁴

Christ Jesus encountered invective and violence, as did Paul. But meeting each situation with divine Science, they illustrated the power of Love.

Many today have been protected from bodily attack or robbery by their understanding that the might of the Christ overrules lust, greed, hate, despair. Man is holy, the outcome of God, and therefore loves all that is good and pure. Lust, greed, cannot be expressed or felt by an idea of divine Mind. Man has no intelligence separate from God, therefore everyone is actually controlled by the impulsion of Love. Man needs to be perceived correctly as a God-empowered, God-glorifying, God-directed idea.

This scientific reasoning punctures the egotism of the carnal mind. It dethrones evil passions. It restores peace. The Christ releases the sinner. Fear would light the fuse of violence, but scientific Christianity restores pure manhood and womanhood. Love washes the victim of evil passions clean.

About 1868 an escapee from an asylum burst into Mrs. Eddy’s

home and threatened to harm her. But her calm, Christly affection stopped him from acting rashly, and he was comforted. She continued to pray and soon the man departed, sane. Later he returned to thank her, as he had been healed of his mental distress.⁵

Mrs. Eddy knew that Christian Science is far more than a theory. She proved its truth. She writes in *Science and Health*, "The poor suffering heart needs its rightful nutriment, such as peace, patience in tribulation, and a priceless sense of the dear Father's loving-kindness."⁶ The Christ dissolves the criminal inclination and supplies the needed nutriment. It also rouses those afraid of violence and urges them to find safety in God's infinite love. It compels them to discover the real cause of life and to acknowledge but one cause. This spiritual growth meets the world's hungering for help and brings the fulfillment of "on earth peace, good will toward men"⁷ nearer to human view.

¹ Ps. 4:8; ² 91:1; ³ 91:1; ⁴ *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 263; ⁵ See Irving C. Tomlinson, *Twelve Years with Mary Baker Eddy* (Boston: The Christian Science Publishing Society, 1966), pp. 49-50; ⁶ *Science and Health*, pp. 365-366; ⁷ Luke 2:14.

Impossible to forgive?

FERN CARROLL WILLIAMS

When we feel that we have been wronged, it may seem impossible to forgive. We long to be free to love wholeheartedly everyone we know, but pride attempts to dominate us. Self-righteousness tries to persuade us that an evildoer, one who has wronged, is more sinful than an evil thinker, one who cherishes resentment—a form of hatred.

It is always helpful to remember that divine Love is stronger

than hate. Paul assures us, "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."¹ We may know that the holy influence of God's grace is sufficient to purify thought and restore peace.

If in a night dream the villain's part were played by a loved member of our family, upon awakening would we think of that one as mean and hateful? Would we continue to resent his dream actions? Evil is part of the mesmeric dream narrative described by Mrs. Eddy on page 188 of *Science and Health*: "Mortal existence is a dream of pain and pleasure in matter, a dream of sin, sickness, and death; and it is like the dream we have in sleep, in which every one recognizes his condition to be wholly a state of mind." She also writes, on page 14, "Entirely separate from the belief and dream of material living, is the Life divine, revealing spiritual understanding and the consciousness of man's dominion over the whole earth."

Just as we awake from a night dream, we can awake from the dream of material living. Through the grace of God we can gain the spiritual sense of existence—the understanding of man as perfect. Logically, the manifestation of perfect God is perfect, sinless man. The substance of this real and only man is derived from the one Spirit. His thought, his action, is the expression of Love. Love's man, as divine effect, does not resent or cause resentment; he does not hate or cause hatred. In truth everyone is a faultless member of God's harmonious family. As this reality dawns upon us, the dream of inharmony begins to disappear. We no longer agonize over dream events and characters.

"But who is going to awaken the one who has wronged me?" the reader may ask. "Who is going to straighten him out?" A little rhyme I remember from childhood is appropriate here:

A man convinced against his will
Is of the same opinion still.

Personal efforts to correct another are often futile. When our own erroneous sense of things is corrected, we will have no desire to straighten out the other fellow. The peace we feel will assure us that God's grace is sufficient for him also.

Resentment, pride, and self-righteousness are sometimes the foundation of bodily illness. In Christian Science, prayer for ourselves includes recognizing as unreal the unchristly attitudes

we have that stem from dream evidence, and turning to the facts of spiritual being. Our acceptance of these facts heals the discord in our daily lives, whatever it may be.

Years ago I had an opportunity to demonstrate the efficacy of Love in healing the self-inflicted wounds of hatred. I had been resenting fellow workers for what I perceived as their dishonesty. Through study of the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health*, I caught a glimpse of the perfect, real man. My attitude changed; I began to love man and reject the dream narrative about him. Joy followed my release from pride and self-righteousness. Immediately a physical difficulty was permanently healed.

As Christians we earnestly desire to follow the Way-shower, Christ Jesus. He did not go through the resurrection experience with a chip on his shoulder, and neither can we. If it seems impossible to forgive, we can remember Mrs. Eddy's spiritual interpretation of the Lord's Prayer and humbly pray:

"Give us this day our daily bread;

*Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections."*²

And we can be assured that God's grace will work in us until we find it impossible not to forgive and natural to love everyone.

¹ Rom. 5:20; ² *Science and Health*, p. 17.

Wrong number?

Before you listen,
Know who is speaking.
If the message is not from God—
Hang up!

ELOISE BARLOW OLSON

True to ourselves

DOROTHY KAPLE

Many people are dissatisfied and don't really know why. Could it be they are not being true to themselves?

The man of God's creating is incapable of acting contrary to his nature, which is perfect. When we understand this and identify ourselves spiritually, we cannot help being ethical. Our moral standard is clear and binding. On the other hand, acceptance of the belief that there is no established code of moral behavior can lead to immorality and eventually to instability in living a productive life.

One definition of "ethics" is "the science or doctrine of the sources, principles, sanctions, and ideals of human conduct and character." Don't most people truly yearn for good character? Purity and integrity are actually ours already. We need only accept them. They are intact, belonging to our true nature, part of our real makeup.

But our challenge is to prove it. One of the best guides is the Ten Commandments, even if some people grumble that they are too harsh and demanding. Another is the Sermon on the Mount, given to us by Christ Jesus. Jesus did not abolish the Ten Commandments. He said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."¹ In a sense Jesus transformed the Ten Commandments with his "blesseds"—indeed with the whole sermon—and by word and example called upon mankind to live up to their spiritual and moral requirements.

From the beginning of my study of Christian Science, I caught glimpses of the high standard of morality that this Science teaches. I earnestly studied the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the *Manual of The Mother Church* by Mrs. Eddy,

and I prayed for the moral strength to live up to my highest understanding of good. As I progressed, I rejoiced in the realization that my spiritual makeup was established by God and could not be abrogated. I came to see that moral strength, spiritually based, is an aid even to physical healing.

One morning I awoke with severe flu. I tried to pray scientifically, from the basis of what is spiritually true of God and man, but I kept falling asleep. It took all morning to read the Lesson-Sermon from the *Christian Science Quarterly*. But one statement of Mrs. Eddy's stood out: "You must utilize the moral might of Mind in order to walk over the waves of error and support your claims by demonstration."²

I realized that it was not enough to want to be free from discomfort. I was believing in a power besides God. I saw that I was denying His omnipotence and that this was immoral—actually sinful. This woke me up. I used "the moral might of Mind," and very shortly the symptoms began to fade. By the following morning I was well.

As we acknowledge and cherish the perfection of God and His creation, we live virtuous as well as happy lives. By example we can help others to forsake permissiveness and immorality. In living up to our highest understanding of good, we can rise to the challenge to heal sickness and sin. The rewards of ethical living, of being true to ourselves and to others, are blessedness and fulfillment.

¹ Matt. 5:17; ² *Science and Health*, p. 455.

*Continue thou in the things
which thou hast learned
and hast been assured of,
knowing of whom thou hast learned them;
and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures,
which are able to make thee wise unto salvation
through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

II Timothy 3:14, 15

Why not?

You seek
by means of matter
to make discord
disappear?
Why not
find in Spirit
that it was never there?

Which is more secure?

You seek
a matter-cause
to ensure that
good appears?
Why not
find in Spirit
that it was always here?

Which will more endure?

You're waiting
in matter
for good to come again?
Why not accept
Spirit's fact?
There's no need to reattain
what's here
and forever will remain.

DIANE BENEDICT-GILL

PERSPECTIVE ON THE NEWS

Neutralizing violence

Comment on current trends in the media

The current tendency to exploit violence has peaked in a recently released film, "The Warriors." This portrayal of gang warfare in New York, whatever its artistic merits may be, has reportedly provoked among its viewers a number of violent incidents—including killings. It is a matter for serious thought, therefore, that the box office success of the film is causing producers to eye the possibilities of bringing out more of the same kind. Five are currently scheduled for release.

As we consider the state of affairs in various corners of the globe where violence is rampant—in Rhodesia, for instance, and in Iran, Italy, Vietnam, and Northern Ireland—we must be deeply concerned that our thoughts and actions correct savagery of any kind—in the streets or in wider spaces of the world. Savagery is not merely a random happening. It is the outcome of animal magnetism, the supposititious source and action of all evil. Christian Science equips us to both uncover and neutralize it.

Rather than igniting violence by giving it hypnotic exposure on film, thinking people should surely be exerting their influence toward establishing peace. To them the fallacy must be obvious. Primitive brutality expressed in cruel stabbings and killings, kidnapping and kneecapping, is incapable of raising the standard of Infinite Love and establishing the ideal government of divine Principle, which provides the only assurance of justice and well-being for all. The impossibility of taking the kingdom of heaven by force—of accomplishing any good, spiritual purpose by bestial means—must be plain. Violent displays of bestiality do not prove one's courage or manliness. Achieving one's goals through terrorism does not prove one is right. Such grotesque concepts drag down Truth's standard and postpone

the longed-for prosperity of peace and fairness on earth.

Among the prophetic writings concerning the coming of the Christ is the promise, "Violence shall no more be heard in thy land . . . ; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise."¹ It is the responsibility of each individual who has discerned the Christ, the true idea of God, to sharpen his vision of the inviolate spiritual reality indicated in this passage. We must wake up to the efforts of mortal mind to pump evil passions into human thought. We must pray with metaphysical understanding. Simply decrying the manipulation of the media and of youth is not enough. We must be vigilant in *knowing* that government by love, rather than government by fear, is the actual order of the day.

Many years ago, before radio and television were in use, Mrs. Eddy wrote, "Novels, remarkable only for their exaggerated pictures, impossible ideals, and specimens of depravity, fill our young readers with wrong tastes and sentiments." Then continued farther on, "Incorrect views lower the standard of truth."²

Posterity needs leaders who express intelligence, mercy, and strength. Not the travesty of strength that attempts to rule by fear, but the spiritual power that flows from and is sustained by divine Principle. Spiritual understanding of true power is the only basis from which the unerring government of all the nations through the Christ will be more and more evident.

As a step to attaining the fulfillment of divine government on earth we need to keep a spiritually corrective watch over the reading and viewing matter that reaches mankind so profusely. This involves more than a kid-glove approach. We need to affirm vehemently the truth that concepts of life that could distort the thinking of readers by glamorizing violence have no divine source and no actual power to be injurious—that divine Love is the only power. Mrs. Eddy expresses this expectation: "... they who name the name of Christian Science will assist in the holding of crime in check, will aid the ejection of error, will maintain law and order, and will cheerfully await the end—justice and judgment."³ Are we responding to this demand?

¹ Isa. 60:18; ² *Science and Health*, p. 195; ³ *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 222.

Editorials



GEOFFREY J. BARRATT
Editor

NAOMI PRICE
Associate Editor

NATHAN A. TALBOT
Associate Editor

“What is metaphysics?”

To the average person, probably not a household word. But it's a useful term in Christian Science—a significant one—because it relates to that which is beyond, or in place of, matter. That God is Spirit and matter a false claim is a keystone in Christian Science.

Christian metaphysics conveys a sense of reality in accord with that held by Christ Jesus. This reality is composed of the goodness and presence of the infinite God, unchanging Love; it's evidenced in the wholeness and perfection of the universe and man, which God makes and embraces. This last sentence, in itself, is an example of a metaphysical statement. It refers to a realm that is not of matter and that is imperceptible to the senses. It is a *Christianly* metaphysical statement because it is demonstrable in human affairs, bringing about better health, ethics, and so on, in the way Jesus did.

“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free,”¹ he said. The truth referred to is metaphysical truth. Truth frees because it liberates us from material misconceptions, the source of pain, disease, and all wrong. Only that which clarifies God's allness and man's purity can really liberate. Knowing the truth with spirituality and conviction brings the realization, along with the proof, that man is already free of materiality and its woes. The application of Christian metaphysics to suffering and troubles is empowered by the Christ, the activity and healing omnipresence of Truth.

Christian Science metaphysics is not merely speculation about Spirit and spiritual reality but the statement of that reality, the expression of it in comprehensible human language. Conveying

the one and only truth of nonmaterial and immortal being, this metaphysics is rooted in divine Truth and authorized by Truth.

The new Christian Scientist soon finds that he needs to understand the metaphysics of this teaching to demonstrate it consistently. He or she shouldn't be put off by the unfamiliarity of either the term or the concept. Indicating the straightforward nature of metaphysics and its tremendous importance, Mary Baker Eddy says: "Divine metaphysics is that which treats of the existence of God, His essence, relations, and attributes. A sneer at metaphysics is a scoff at Deity; at His goodness, mercy, and might." She continues, "Christian Science is the unfolding of true metaphysics; that is, of Mind, or God, and His attributes."²

So this healing system is founded on a metaphysical basis. What is meant by this? If we're faced by illness, then we need to look beyond the evidence of the senses, which may seem to be transmitting to us information about, say, fever and swelling. We need to see that this information has nothing whatsoever to do with "God, His essence, relations, and attributes." It is in fact in direct opposition to His unchanging goodness. Metaphysics reveals the truth of the situation because it shows us the nature of Deity, the presence and love of God, and the character of man, His reflection unfailingly expressing Him.

The metaphysical approach powerfully puts down fear. Fear always rests on antimetaphysical bases. It comes from suggestions that man is mortal, frail, and vulnerable. It's the consequence of these claims being accepted as truth and obsessively mulled over. Christian metaphysics is the antidote. It exposes the falsity of sense arguments, regardless of how persuasive they may seem to be. Metaphysics reveals the present facts of the situation, reassuring us of the presence of good and the absence of anything that is not good. It relieves us of confusion and anxiety, providing the specific truth about particular concepts of God and man.

Metaphysics understood, lived, applied, eliminates discord. It heals. It shows divine perfection as the immediate reality. This is the truth that frees us from disease and confirms the validity of Jesus' promise that knowing the truth liberates. Our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, writes, "Through Christ, Truth, divine metaphysics

points the way, demonstrates heaven here,—the struggle over, and victory on the side of Truth.”³

To understand the metaphysics of Christian Science takes careful study of the Bible and of Mrs. Eddy’s writings. It demands that we carefully ponder the truths announced in those books. It needs our prayerful awareness, our affirmations that omniscient, divine intelligence is the only kind of consciousness that really is. It requires a willingness to subordinate physical evidence to divine facts, and the consistent aim to make the metaphysics we are learning practical hour by hour.

When one has even a glimpse of what it means to be made free through knowing the metaphysical truth, then these demands are not tedious chores. They are marvelous privileges that we shouldn’t delay enjoying. The understanding of divine metaphysics is not a luxury, or a minor bonus of Christian Science, but necessity, challenge, and limitless satisfaction.

GEOFFREY J. BARRATT

¹ John 8:32; ² *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 69; ³ *Message to The Mother Church for 1902*, p. 6.

Right theology— essential to healing

Healing through prayer comes naturally as we learn more of God. In fact, healing is often simply a matter of replacing the human mind’s ignorance about God with the truth.

A misunderstanding of God or even a lack of awareness of Him can be an uncomfortable—sometimes a deeply disturbing—factor in our lives. Too often, people actually suffer from not knowing God—or “knowing” the wrong things about Him.

Those who are practicing healing through prayer, as taught in Christian Science, have found it enormously important to daily deepen and broaden their comprehension of God. Through increasingly spiritual insights into God’s allness—His infinite goodness—our healing capacity grows. This is the central factor in the Christian healing taught and practiced by Christ Jesus. A

correct understanding of God and man is indispensable for consistent and effective healing work. True theology is irrevocably linked to healing. A right assessment of God, and man's relation to Him, is essential to practicing the powerful healing work Jesus encouraged of all his disciples.

Sometimes just the wonderful recognition that God is Spirit and that He alone is power, and that man is His image, will dissolve discord. But other times we need to take an additional step in affirming the eternal truths of God and man. We may need to specifically deny various misconceptions—even incorrect theological teachings. There will be instances when Scientists do not accept certain theological points that other Christians teach. If those points are inconsistent with the scientific truth of God and man, we should specifically correct them in our own consciousness, or we may suffer from them.

A young girl was suffering from a high temperature. She had been deeply troubled by the view of her church that God was a punishing God and some people were to be saved and others doomed. Her dad held very strong and fundamental religious convictions along these lines. But the mother sensed something of God as Love and encouraged the child to pray. The fever broke and the child was healed. The fever had actually been the symptom of that mistaken theological doctrine.

The child was later to become the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. Mary Baker Eddy writes of her healing: "My mother, as she bathed my burning temples, bade me lean on God's love, which would give me rest, if I went to Him in prayer, as I was wont to do, seeking His guidance. I prayed; and a soft glow of ineffable joy came over me. The fever was gone, and I rose and dressed myself, in a normal condition of health. Mother saw this, and was glad. The physician marvelled; and the 'horrible decree' of predestination—as John Calvin rightly called his own tenet—forever lost its power over me."¹

An important lesson is illustrated here, showing the necessity of leaving behind erroneous theological doctrine. How do we know what points of general religious theology may need to be corrected in our lives? The Bible, with its inspired Word, reveals the authentic facts of God and man. Prayer, an earnest listening

to God and trusting Him, can move us closer to a clear understanding of our relationship to Him. A thorough study of divine Science—the Comforter promised by Christ Jesus—reveals God as supreme power, the only power. It shows us that God is good and man is spiritual idea, expressive of God's infinite perfection. It teaches that there is no opposite power, called evil, in God's allness.

Any point that is inconsistent with this divine theology—the same premise on which Jesus healed—can cause us discomfort. The human mind may resist the truths of being, but when the discomfort becomes strong enough, we are forced to submit to true theology. Then we see the supremacy of God, and His power heals us. Any time we accept, either consciously or unconsciously, concepts inconsistent with the truths of being, we sooner or later feel that inconsistency.

But Christly thoughts clarify our view of reality. “Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God,”² Jesus assures us. Each of us can begin winning our liberty from misconceptions promoted by various phases of mortal reasoning. Traditional theology is one such area. Our Leader explains, “The eternal roasting amidst noxious vapors; the election of the minority to be saved and the majority to be eternally punished; the wrath of God, to be appeased by the sacrifice and torture of His favorite Son,—are some of the false beliefs that have produced sin, sickness, and death . . .”³

As the world's view of God and man's relationship to Him grows more accurate, many difficulties will be resolved. Daily we should pray for ourselves and all mankind to see more accurately the facts of being: to acknowledge more humbly the unreality of evil and the reality of perfection; to accept the theology of perfect God, perfect man.

NATHAN A. TALBOT

¹ *Retrospection and Introspection*, pp. 13-14; ² Matt. 5:8; ³ *The People's Idea of God*, p. 3.

Honoring the one Parent: God

Rhoda Merle Ford

"My parents just don't understand me!"

"I wish they'd *listen* for a change!"

"Why can't they leave me alone?"

Wouldn't it be great if there was a solution to all that misunderstanding and confusion? There is, you know.

How about the title of this article? It's based on one of the Ten Commandments.¹ "To honor" means to treat with love and respect.

Sometimes it's helpful to remember our parents aren't final experts—they're still learning. And just as someone's experiences at fifteen or sixteen or eighteen are all new, so is being a parent to someone fifteen, sixteen, or eighteen.

Suppose the difficulty is a lack of communication or understanding. You want one thing, your parents another. And you've seen too often how an argument leads to disobedience or tears or maybe reluctant submission.

This phrase from the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy, points to the healing solution. She spiritually interprets "Our Father which art in heaven,"² the opening of the Lord's Prayer, this way: "*Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious.*"³

God is our Father-Mother: yours, mine, and our parents', too. Once we learn to honor God, we'll get along much better with Mom and Dad, because the relationship we have with our parents reflects in a degree our relationship with "our Father-Mother God," everyone's true Parent.

And what about that relationship? Is it full of confusion, misunderstanding? Of course not. It can only be satisfying and "all-harmonious."

Now, it's possible to take a little understanding of that truth and hold it up to our human relationships. What happens? Ar-



guments melt when we realize and adhere to the fact that there is just one Mind, God, and that in our true being we cannot help obeying Mind, since we are its ideas. There is, in reality, no other mind controlling us. Our lives can't be distressed by any evil or willpower when we understand that God is our Life.

A mother once thought her nearly grown-up daughter should take better care of her personal appearance. After all, she thought, her daughter's faded jeans and frizzed hair really weren't attractive. Wouldn't she rather have some prettier clothes and a different haircut?

The daughter didn't *want* to look "attractive." Her jeans and hair were comfortable, popular; and besides, she *liked* the way she looked, even if her mother didn't.

Mother and daughter couldn't agree, and each wished the other would listen. What was almost a non-issue ballooned into a major problem.

Soon the mother saw it was time to pray for a more understanding attitude toward her daughter's point of view. She didn't want to be a tyrant, yet she felt some action was needed. Then she realized she could trust God to care for the action. And she could love her daughter, no matter how she chose to dress. Gradually the jeans and hair didn't annoy her any longer.

The daughter had done some praying and some loving, too. She didn't want to upset her mother, even though she felt her own appearance was strictly her own business. A solution surfaced. She would dress a bit differently when she was with her family and save her more casual look for times with her friends.

It worked. Both mother and daughter had yielded to prayerful guidance, and a solution was found. Each had sought and received the counsel of Father-Mother God and saw healing, a definite improvement in their relationship.

When we let the fact of God's parenthood touch our lives, we see better communication and understanding between ourselves and our parents. We can love them more fully, appreciating their concern for us and forgiving shortcomings, because we know that they, too, are in reality the expressions of God's wisdom and love. In most cases, they are doing the best they know how—even having to forgive us sometimes. And loving them for what they really are—the way Christ Jesus loved—will help their efforts.

When we honor "our Father-Mother God," we're acknowledging that God is the one true Parent and that His children are perfect. We're letting that "all-harmonious" relationship of God and man govern every relationship between one person and another—even between Mom and Dad and us. The result is healing.

¹ See Ex. 20:12; ² Matt. 6:9; ³ *Science and Health*, p. 16.

Books to
tell you more
about the discoverer
of Christian Science,
her followers,
her Cause, and
the issues she raised
for thinkers then
and now.



Now all three volumes of Robert Peel's illuminating account of the life of Mary Baker Eddy are available in Christian Science Reading Rooms.

In hardcover, the final stirring chapters — *Mary Baker Eddy: The Years of Authority*, \$16.95. And also the earlier *Years of Trial*, \$8.95. *Years of Discovery*, \$7.50. In paperback, *Years of Trial*, \$3.45. *Years of Discovery*, \$3.95.

Also available directly from The Christian Science Publishing Society,
One Norway Street, Boston, MA, U.S.A. 02115.

Testimonies of Christian Science Healing

[Original in French]

I first heard Christian Science mentioned by my wife five years ago. In spite of my initial hesitancy in accepting this teaching, I very quickly had a wonderful healing. I had been working for thirty years in the hotel business, and I was managing a restaurant that gave me a good many worries. I was harassed by the scarcity of help, and overall costs were constantly rising. I was living in a state of anxiety. The symptoms of a gallbladder inflammation developed, causing me much suffering. The doctor I consulted gave me medicines, but without any result. Soon I was no longer able to work, eat, lie down, or even remain in a standing position. After about two weeks of this suffering caused by gallstones, I found myself in a hospital in a state of despair—a miserable frame of mind.

My wife told me later that the specialist, after examining me, had taken her aside to inform her of the situation, which seemed desperate. My condition was such he could no longer operate. My wife asked me if I would consent to her requesting the help of a Christian Science practitioner. She was very calm and confident, and I consented. I didn't receive any medication. The practitioner's prayer brought to light the operation of God and His Christ.

The third day I felt completely without pain or weakness, and I asked the doctor to allow me to leave. He was incredulous and

The statements made in these testimonies with regard to healings have been carefully verified. The original testimonies and their respective verifications are on file for reference with The Christian Science Publishing Society.—THE EDITORS.

tried to explain to me the seriousness of my case. But I asked him to release me. He could not understand what had happened to me. I really didn't understand myself; I only knew that I had to leave the hospital and go home. Finally I insisted, and he agreed to my release. He said that at home I would have to stay in bed, follow a prescribed diet, and notify the physician immediately of any need.

I quickly got dressed, took a taxi, and left for the restaurant, where my wife was looking after the work alone during my absence. She was amazed to see me arrive on my own feet and walking normally. I was very hungry and asked for something to eat. I sat down and ate a complete meal. I did not go back to bed; I did not follow a prescribed diet, which I had been given at the hospital. Nor did I telephone the physician. It was he who called me about two weeks later to come and complete my insurance form.

Since then I have not had the least pain, and I have not held to the memory of a painful condition. This healing took place over four years ago. It prompted me to study Christian Science for myself, to get to know more deeply the Bible and the work of Mary Baker Eddy, who discovered the Science of Christ-healing set forth in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. Today I am a member of a branch church and of The Mother Church.

ANDRÉ RÜEGSEGGER
Geneva, Switzerland



Before I learned about Christian Science, I suddenly decided one morning to go out and purchase a Bible. The fact that in my home there was a copy of the Authorized King James Version (which I didn't understand) in no way hindered my compulsion.

The local religious bookstore was closed, so I proceeded down the main street of town. Displayed in a window was an open Bible. I decided to stop and inquire about purchasing one.

This place was a Christian Science Reading Room, and the librarian shared some beautiful spiritual truths with me. For

several months I had been earnestly seeking a concept of God to which I could relate. Now, I realized, my prayer had been answered. In this instance, and on many subsequent occasions, this biblical promise was fulfilled (Jer. 29:13): "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

After I had studied for some months and gained a deeper understanding of the King James Bible, the Reading Room librarian mentioned that I could overcome the smoking habit and might wish to have the help of a Christian Science practitioner. This interested me because prior to my introduction to Science I had tried several times to quit smoking, using material remedies and willpower, with no success.

I prayed over the selection of a local practitioner listed in *The Christian Science Journal*, then called for an appointment. The practitioner talked to me about my true spiritual identity created in God's image, as stated in the first chapter of Genesis and elucidated in *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy. I glimpsed the reality of my being as spiritual and perfect, independent of a need for material crutches to sustain me. God was seen to be the sole support of all true existence. From that time, there was complete freedom from the tobacco habit, and a few months later I realized there had also been a healing of the desire for alcoholic drinks, which at times had been excessive. This occurred ten years ago, and since then I have had no desire to drink or smoke.

In studying Christian Science I find I can understandingly apply these words of Mrs. Eddy's (*Science and Health*, p. 167): "To have one God and avail yourself of the power of Spirit, you must love God supremely." My love and adoration of Him for the freedom I have found, evidenced in many healings, knows no bounds. My heart also overflows with gratitude for Mrs. Eddy, who shared her priceless gift, an understanding of the Christ, with all mankind. Christian Science is enabling me to see more clearly how to walk in the straight and narrow path that the Master, Christ Jesus, has shown us—to the glorification of God. For me, there is no other way.

MICHAEL LEOPARDI
Lake Bluff, Illinois

Although I attended a Christian Science Sunday School in my late teens, in early adulthood I drifted from this teaching. But unhappy circumstances caused me to return, and since then Christian Science has been my only physician. Our two sons were raised in Science, and our family has had many healings.

Early one Sunday morning I started to ride an old bicycle someone had given me. However, it had three speeds, and I was not used to having the brakes on the handlebars. I took off down an incline and went straight into the bushes. As I fell, the bike landed on top of me. When I finally got up, my pant leg was covered from the knee down with blood from a large wound. I managed to get into the house, wrap towels around the leg, and send the family off to church. I settled down on the living room sofa and prayed, realizing my perfect spiritual being as God's child. After church I called a Christian Science practitioner. With her prayer, the bleeding stopped.

The healing progressed, and I was able to go to the Wednesday evening testimony meeting, although there was a slight limp. The following Sunday I took my place as Sunday School teacher. In a week, as proof of my healing, I went dancing.

I'm forever grateful to God for Christ Jesus, who showed us the way. It's almost impossible for me to count my many blessings. Best of all, I know that there are more to come, not only for me but for the whole world, which must benefit from Mrs. Eddy's wonderful discovery, Christian Science.

(Mrs.) FREDERICKA STEVENSON
East Falmouth, Massachusetts



I had always felt that being raised in a home of Christian Scientists was one of my greatest blessings. But I found that this does not exempt one from having to prove for himself the truths of man's spiritual being as a perfect child of God. The Apostle Paul said (Phil. 2:12, 13): "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Mrs. Eddy says on page 22 of *Science and Health*, "Love is not hasty to deliver us from

temptation, for Love means that we shall be tried and purified."

Although I attended the Christian Science Sunday School regularly, I took a passive rather than an active interest. I relied on my mother's spiritual understanding and the help of a Christian Science practitioner to achieve healing. One time, during an epidemic, I was quickly healed of diphtheria.

During the Thanksgiving holidays in my first year of college, I was healed of a severe case of apparent blood poisoning. The condition spread through parts of my body. Although I was unconscious for almost two days after arriving home, in two weeks time I was back in school, completely healed. I had also overcome fear and revulsion over taking a certain course that was presented in a very sensual manner. And I gained dominion over other phases of mortal thinking from which I had been protected while growing up. This was accomplished through my mother's support and the prayer of a practitioner. For my part, I expressed solid faith and trust in divine Love.

At the time of our marriage, my husband showed no opposition to Christian Science. However, as the years passed he became increasingly opposed to my using Science for our son and myself. When the child was four years old, I felt too ill to care for him much of the time and submitted to an operation. In taking this action I also hoped to resolve the widening differences between my husband and me, but I did not succeed. A severe nervous and physical breakdown followed, and after many months of suffering, our son and I went to live with my mother two thousand miles away.

By this time my mother had become a practitioner listed in the *Journal*. With her help I relied entirely on Christian Science and in three months was completely healed. During my walk "through the valley of the shadow of death" (Ps. 23:4), I learned that I must undertake my own study to attain spiritual growth and not depend on others to do it for me.

Although I had overcome resentment and hurt feelings toward my husband and indicated a willingness to return home, he did not agree to this, and in a year the marriage was terminated. With no visible support for the child or me, I remained confident that "divine Love always has met and always will

meet every human need" (*Science and Health*, p. 494). And there were proofs of this. I obtained a clerical position in a technical library and started the boy in a Christian Science Sunday School, where he learned that God is his real Father-Mother.

Five years later I married a fine man who was also interested in this Science. After our marriage he joined The Mother Church and a branch church, where we were both active.

There have been many other healings, including those of a broken wrist and stomach disorder. A dentist said I must have surgery for a cyst on my jaw, but instead of submitting to a material remedy I declined and sought assistance from a practitioner. Although the healing seemed slow, it was thorough and included freedom from the cyst and the resolution of a discordant family situation that I had been gritting my teeth over.

After twenty-eight years of employment in a research library (the last thirteen spent as a computer analyst and supervisor), I am now retired. My health is excellent, and I'm free to enter into many useful activities. But most important is my program of continued spiritual growth. Mrs. Eddy tells us (*Science and Health*, p. 113), "The vital part, the heart and soul of Christian Science, is Love." I am grateful to daily seek and find evidence of God's loving nature in everyone I meet.

(Mrs.) ADDIANNA FORD McCONIGA
Lyle, Washington



For many years I have begun each day reading the Bible Lesson in the *Christian Science Quarterly*. In *Miscellaneous Writings* Mrs. Eddy tells us (p. 215), "Christian Science demands order and truth." The protection and guidance this daily study has brought me can never be measured. I liken it to putting on armor. When discordant situations arise, harmony has already been established in my consciousness. When I went to work after spending many years as a homemaker, this study enabled me to be at my job through fifteen years without missing a day.

After I had lived in the same house for twenty-seven years, I felt it was time to move. I put aside all human arguments,

knowing the Father would guide me every step of the way. This was a familiar command (Prov. 3:5, 6): "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." I asked a Christian Science practitioner to help me. Not long after, I acquired a home at a delightful place for senior citizens who are Christian Scientists. Subsequent events have proved the correctness of that move. Later I found congenial companionship in a second marriage to a man who is also a longtime Scientist.

For some time my husband had a lump on the top of his head. It was noticeable because it protruded an inch above his hair. He prayed daily to overcome it. Eventually he asked a practitioner for help. It was recommended he develop his understanding of *humility*. The practitioner's prayer and my husband's obedience were so effective the lump began to drain the very next day. In a short time it disappeared, and his head is now normal in appearance.

Truly God is good, and to me Christian Science is the way of Life.

(Mrs.) MYRTLE LILLEGARD WEISE
Laguna Hills, California

The healing of the growth on my head took place as related by my wife. I am grateful to have relied on this Science for over thirty-five years.

HERBERT R. WEISE



Christian Science can help in everything! It has even helped me with a school subject I was once frightened of. Every morning our teacher would say, "Get out your maths books." Then I would look into my book, which had just been marked, and find I had corrections to do. My friends are much better at maths than I am, and at the end of each lesson they would discuss how easy they found it. I asked my mother to help me but would still

get it wrong. This was because we had to learn the new modern method and Mother's was the old-fashioned way.

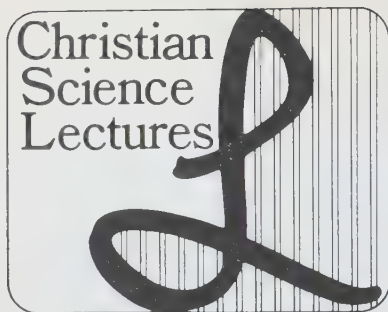
Each day maths got more and more difficult for me. And I got more and more frightened to tell my teacher that I couldn't understand, not because she was a bad teacher, but because I should have told her earlier. I thought if she found out now, she would be most annoyed. Well, I didn't know where to turn. Then I realized that all this time I had forgotten that Christian Science is the answer!

I remembered we had learned in Christian Science Sunday School that God is All-in-all. Then I looked up the definition of God in the Glossary of *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy (p. 587): "GOD. The great I AM; the all-knowing, all-seeing, all-acting, all-wise, all-loving, and eternal; Principle; Mind; Soul; Spirit; Life; Truth; Love; all substance; intelligence." I knew we are truly God's reflection, and if God has great intelligence, we express it. I then looked up Mrs. Eddy's answer to the question "What is intelligence?" (*ibid.*, p. 469): "Intelligence is omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence. It is the primal and eternal quality of infinite Mind, of the triune Principle,—Life, Truth, and Love,—named God."

This really reassured me. I remembered that God has made man to include every good quality. Therefore I was not on my own, am never on my own, for I always have God wherever I go. Now I have a much better understanding of maths, and when I have problems, I always know where to turn—to God, our loving Parent and creator.

I've always believed in the truths of Christian Science, and I will never change. I am twelve years of age and feel there is still a great deal to learn about Christian Science. But what I already know has helped me tremendously, and I'm sure it can help others too.

(Miss) MAUREEN GILLESPIE KHAN
London, England



Everyone is cordially invited to these free lectures.

‡ Indicates Children's Room available during lectures.

* If details such as time, place, title, or child care facilities are missing from a church's listing, please see local publicity.

ENGLAND

CAMBRIDGESHIRE—Cambridge: The Lady Mitchell Hall, Sidgwick Ave., 3 p.m., Sat., June 9.‡ "Where in the World Is God?" (McClain)

EAST SUSSEX—Eastbourne: Town Hall, Grove Rd., 7:30 p.m., Tues., June 5. "The Key to the Mystery of Creation" (McClain)

SURREY—Epsom (joint lecture): Ebbisham Hall, Ashley Rd., 8 p.m., Fri., June 8.‡ "The Key to the Mystery of Creation" (McClain)

WEST SUSSEX—Worthing: Church, 117 Grand Ave., 7:30 p.m., Thurs., June 7.‡ "Where in the World Is God?" (McClain)

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND WEST BERLIN

Berlin (First): Church, Wilhelmsaue 112, 4 p.m., Sat., May 12.‡ German translation 5:30 p.m. "Why Spiritual Healing?" (McClain)

Cologne: Gürzenich, Wallr. Rich. Museum, Martinstr., Mon., May 7.‡ In German. (Anwandter)*

Dinslaken: Rittersaal, Burghotel, Althoffstr. 11, 8 p.m., Fri., May 11.‡ In German. "Responding to the Word of God" (Anwandter)

Essen: Vortragssaal des Folkwang Museums, Bismarckstr. 64/66, 8 p.m., Thurs., May 10. In German. "Responding to the Word of God" (Anwandter)

Hannover (First): Church, Schiffgraben 26, 8:15 p.m., Thurs., May 10.‡ German translation 7 p.m. "Why Spiritual Healing?" (McClain)

Krefeld: Parkhotel Krefelder Hof, Urdingerstr. 245, 4 p.m., Sun., May 6.‡ In German. "Responding to the Word of God" (Anwandter)

AUSTRIA

Vienna: Festsaal, Gewerkschaftshaus, Treitlstr. 3, 7 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19. In German. "Liberation Through Christ" (Anwandter)

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

TRANSVAAL—Krugersdorp: Church, 66 Human St., 3 p.m., Sun., May 6. "The Glory of Spiritual Evolution" (Henderson)

CANADA AND UNITED STATES

(Week of April 15 to 21, some earlier dates and a later date)

CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA—Burnaby: James Cowan Theatre, 6450 Gilpin St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "The Human and the Divine Economy" (White)

Chilliwack: Presbyterian Church Hall, 129 Wellington Ave., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 17. "Let My People Go" (White)

North Vancouver: North Vancouver Centennial Theatre, 123 E. 23d St., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 15.‡ "Good Without Evil" (White)

ONTARIO—St Catharines: Secondary School, 349 Niagara St., 8:15 p.m., Tues., Apr. 17.‡ "The Language of Soul" (Clarke)

Toronto (First): Church, 196 St. George St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "The Language of Soul" (Clarke)

ONTARIO (continued)

Toronto (Second): Fri., Apr. 20.‡ "Eternity Now" (Fleming)*

QUEBEC—Westmount: Westmount High School, 4350 St. Catherine St., W., 8:15 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 12. "See It Like It Is" (Houston)

UNITED STATES

ALASKA—Fairbanks: Church, 811 First Ave., 7 p.m., Sun., Apr. 29.‡ (Tuttle)*

CALIFORNIA—Alameda: Church, 2164 Central Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 15.‡ "Life Without Lack" (Mondino)

Davis: Veteran's Memorial Center, 14th and B Sts., 7:30 p.m., Mon., Apr. 16.‡ "Life Without Lack" (Mondino)

Eureka: Red Lion Motor Inn, 1929 Fourth St., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 17.‡ "Diana or Christ?" (Aghamalian)

Fairfield: Little Theatre, Fairfield High School, 205 E. Atlantic Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "Diana or Christ?" (Aghamalian)

Felton: 2 p.m., Sat., Apr. 21.‡ "Diana or Christ?" (Aghamalian)*

Healdsburg: Church, 424 East St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "Do You Need a Change of Heart?" (Mondino)

Laguna Hills: United Methodist Church, 24442 Moulton Pkwy., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 16.‡ "Who Runs Your Life?" (Holmes)

Los Altos: Church, 401 University Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 20.‡ "Mind and Man" (Heard)

Los Angeles (Fifth): Church, 7107 Hollywood Blvd., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 16.‡ "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

Redding: Church, 1451 Court St., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 16.‡ (Heard)*

San Francisco (Second): Hall, 3416 19th St., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 17.‡ In Spanish. "Do You Need a Change of Heart?" (Mondino)

San Francisco (Fifth): Crystal Rm., Bellevue Hotel, 505 Geary, 11 a.m., Sat., Apr. 21.‡ "We Thy People" (Heard)

San Jose (Second): First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "Finding Reality Through Prayer" (Heard)

South Gate: Church, 4804 Tweedy Blvd., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 15.‡ (Holmes)*

Turlock: Church, Columbia and Laurel Sts., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 20. "Life Without Lack" (Mondino)

Vallejo: 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 17.‡ (Heard)*

DELAWARE—Wilmington: A. I. du Pont High School, Hillside Rd., Greenville, 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 16.‡ "Freedom to Be Yourself" (Robbins)

IDAHO—Boise (Second): 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 20. "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" (Leever)*

Caldwell: United Methodist Church, 824 E. Logan, 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19. "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

ILLINOIS—Decatur: Church, 510 W. William St., 7:30 p.m., Tues., Apr. 17.‡ "Can I Truly Be Myself?" (Henniker-Heaton)

Jerseyville: Wesley Center, United Methodist Church, W. Exchange and Lafayette Sts., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "Can I Truly Be Myself?" (Henniker-Heaton)

INDIANA—Anderson: Church, 122 W. Eighth St., 8 p.m., Sat., Apr. 21.‡ "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

Evansville: Sun., Apr. 15.‡ (Henniker-Heaton)*

Logansport: Church, Ninth and North Sts., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 20.‡ "Your Unlimited Opportunities" (McGrew)

Peru: Church, 8 N. Fremont St., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 15. "God, You, and the Kingdom of Heaven" (Pickett)

Terre Haute: Church, 524 Swan St., 7:30 p.m., Mon., Apr. 16.‡ "The Life That Is Worth Living" (Henniker-Heaton)

West Lafayette: 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 16.‡ "Individualizing God's Power" (Pickett)*

IOWA—Cedar Falls: Church, Sixth and Walnut Sts., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "Honesty—The Power of Its Deeper Dimension" (Rennie)

Des Moines (Second): Thurs., Apr. 19. "Have You Found Yourself?" (Alton)*

Mason City (joint lecture): Church, 219 N. Washington, 3 p.m., Sat., Apr. 21. (Alton)*

MASSACHUSETTS—Framingham: Dennison Hall, 214 Concord St., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 20.‡ "Dare to Care" (Houston)

MASSACHUSETTS (continued)

Hyde Park (Third, Boston): Church, 126 Arlington St., 3 p.m., Sat., Apr. 21. "Dare to Care" (Houston)

Milford: Church, 345 Main St., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 16.‡ "What It Takes to Heal" (Spencer)

Needham: Church, 870 Great Plain Ave., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 17.‡ "Mary Baker Eddy's Challenge to Materiality" (Spencer)

Reading: Church, 32 Lowell St., 11 a.m., Sat., Apr. 21.‡ "Evil: Its Nature and Demise" (Spencer)

Rockland: 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19. "Dare to Care" (Houston)*

MINNESOTA—Duluth: Normandy Court, lower level, 209 W. Superior St., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 16.‡ "Honesty—The Power of Its Deeper Dimension" (Rennie)

Mankato: Church, 523 S. 2d St., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 17.‡ "Reality: Matter or Mind?" (Ferris)

St Cloud: 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 17.‡ (Rennie)*

MISSOURI—St Louis (First): Church, 475 N. Kingshighway, 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 13.‡ "The Life That Is Worth Living" (Henniker-Heaton)

NEBRASKA—Norfolk: Commercial Federal Savings & Loan, 602 Norfolk Ave., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 16. "Have You Found Yourself?" (Alton)

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Berlin: Auditorium, Brown School, Main and Eighth Sts., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "What It Takes to Heal" (Spencer)

Plymouth: Church, Emerson St., 7:30 p.m., Fri., Apr. 20.‡ "The Healing Method of Christian Science" (Spencer)

NEW JERSEY—Bernardville: Church, Mine Brook and Meeker Rd., 8:30 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

Cliffside Park: Church, 16 Crescent Ave., 8:30 p.m., Fri., Apr. 6. (Houston)*

Haddonfield: Church, 355 Kings Hwy., E., 4:15 p.m., Sat., Apr. 21.‡ "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

Ship Bottom: Church, Tenth and Barnegat, 7:30 p.m., Sat., Apr. 21.‡ "The Science of Christian Healing" (Hubbell)

NEW YORK—Buffalo (First): Church, 220 North St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "Eternity Now" (Fleming)

Forest Hills, LI: Church, 60 Greenway Ter., 12 noon, Sat., Apr. 21.‡ "The Science of Christian Healing" (Hubbell)

Rochester (First): Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum and Science Center, 657 East Ave., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 9.‡ "See It Like It Is" (Houston)

Rochester (First, Henrietta): First Church of Christ, Scientist, Rochester, 440 East Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 20.‡ "The Language of Soul" (Clarke)

Scarsdale: Church, 46 Fox Meadow Rd., 8:15 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "The Science of Christian Healing" (Hubbell)

Syracuse (First): Church, 728 E. Genesee St., 2 p.m., Sat., Apr. 21.‡ "The Language of Soul" (Clarke)

Williamsville: Church, 111 Youngs Rd., 11 a.m., Sat., Apr. 21.‡ "Eternity Now" (Fleming)

NORTH CAROLINA—Greenville: 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 5.‡ "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)*

NORTH DAKOTA—Bismarck: Church, 407 Avenue C, E., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "Safe in God's Care" (Williams)

Grand Forks: 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 20.‡ "Who Is Making Your Decisions?" (Williams)*

OHIO—Athens: Ohio University Inn, 331 Richland Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 15. "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

Lima: Church, 900 W. Market St., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 17.‡ "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

Norwood: Church, 2039 Weyer Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

Upper Arlington: Northwest Christian Church, 1340 Fishinger Rd., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 16.‡ "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

OREGON—Ashland: Ashland Hill Inn Convention Center, 2525 Ashland St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

Brookings: The B.P.O.E. Auditorium, Elk Dr., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 16.‡ "More than a Superstar" (Aghamalian)

OREGON (continued)

Portland (Eighth): Grant High School, 2245 N.E. 36th Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 20.‡ "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

PENNSYLVANIA—Avalon: Church, 317 S. Home Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 15.‡ "Eternity Now" (Fleming)

Bradford: Church, 92 Congress St., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 16.‡ "Eternity Now" (Fleming)

Butler: Butler Rm., Holiday Inn, 139 Pittsburgh Rd., 3:15 p.m., Sun., Apr. 15. "The Spiritual Viewpoint" (Correll)

Erie (First): Boston Store Auditorium, 718 State St., 3 p.m., Sat., Apr. 21. "Visibility Unlimited" (Robbins)

Jenkintown: Church, West Ave. and Washington Ln., 11 a.m., Sat., Apr. 21.‡ "The Spiritual Viewpoint" (Correll)

State College: Church, 617 E. Hamilton Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 20.‡ "Freedom to Be Yourself" (Robbins)

Warren: Church, 312 Market St., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 16.‡ "The Language of Soul" (Clarke)

Williamsport: Church, 312 Maynard St., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 17.‡ "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

York: Cora Miller Art Gallery, York College of Pennsylvania, Country Club Rd., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 17. "Visibility Unlimited" (Robbins)

SOUTH CAROLINA—Hilton Head Island:

Grenadier Rm., Quality Inn, Cordillo Pkwy. and DeAyllon, 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 17. "The Science of Christian Healing" (Hubbell)

SOUTH DAKOTA—Brookings: Church, 603 Fifth Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 20.‡ "Honesty—The Power of Its Deeper Dimension" (Rennie)

VIRGINIA—Reston: United Christian Parish, 2222 Colts Neck Rd., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 6. "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)*

WASHINGTON—Bothell: Northshore Jr. High School, 12101 N.E. 160th, 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 15.‡ "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" (Leever)

Long Beach: Church, S. 16th and California Sts., 1 p.m., Sat., Apr. 21. "Let My People Go" (White)

Pullman: Church, N.E. 330 Whitman, 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 17.‡ "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

Redmond: 2 p.m., Sat., Apr. 21.‡ (Tuttle)*

Spokane (First, Spokane Valley): Red Lion Motor Inn, E. Interstate Hwy. 90 and Sullivan Exit, 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 16.‡ "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

WISCONSIN—Hartford: Church, Hwy. K and Monroe St., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 20.‡ "God, You, and the Kingdom of Heaven" (Pickett)

Milwaukee (Third): Church, 2915 N. Sherman Blvd., 10 a.m., Sat., Apr. 21.‡ "Individualizing God's Power" (Pickett)

Monroe: Church, 1411 Tenth St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "God, You, and the Kingdom of Heaven" (Pickett)

Waukesha: Church, 600 Maple Ave., 3 p.m., Sat., Apr. 21.‡ "Reality: Matter or Mind?" (Ferris)

Wausau: John Muir Auditorium, 1400 W. Stewart Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 15. "Safe in God's Care" (Williams)

[These lectures are given by members of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.]

CHURCH SERVICES AND READING ROOMS

A directory of all Churches of Christ, Scientist, and Christian Science Societies, including the hours of their services and information about their Reading Rooms, appears monthly in *The Christian Science Journal*.

The Mother Church

The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, is located near the corner of Massachusetts and Huntington Avenues.

The Church edifice is open to visitors Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., and Sundays from 12 noon until 3:30 p.m.

SERVICES

Sunday morning at 10:45, Sunday evening at 7:30 (evening service omitted during July and August), and Wednesday evening testimony meeting at 7:30.

Sunday services in Spanish are held in the Original Edifice at 9:30 a.m., and a testimony meeting in Spanish the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

A supervised Children's Room is provided during all Sunday church services and the Wednesday evening testimony meetings.

Sunday School for pupils up to the age of twenty at 10:45.

READING ROOMS

101 Belvidere Street (north end of Church Colonnade, Christian Science Center). Open Mondays through Fridays from 7:15 a.m. to 7 p.m., also Wednesdays from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Saturdays and holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays from 12 noon to 7 p.m.

194 Massachusetts Avenue (corner of Clearway Street). Open Mondays through Fridays 7:15 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesdays until 7 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sundays and holidays.

541 Boylston Street (across from Copley Square). Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day), Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

8 Milk Street (near Washington Street). *Jointly maintained with branch churches in the Greater Boston area.* Open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sundays and holidays.

LECTURE NOTICE

Detailed information regarding lectures in the United States and Canada must reach the Journal and Herald Card Department *nine weeks* before the week in which the lecture is to be given in order to ensure publication in the *Sentinel*. Information regarding lectures in other countries must reach the department *ten to fourteen weeks* before the week of the lecture. When lectures are to be radiocast, it should be so stated, station and frequency being included. When Children's Room facilities are to be available, this also should be stated.

The receipt of all information from the United States and Canada is acknowledged. If an acknowledgment is not received within two weeks, a duplicate notice should be forwarded.

For lecture announcements to be published in the *Herald*, please refer to information on the back of the Lecture Information forms supplied to branch churches.

Two ways to start your Sentinel coming: toll-free number, or clip-out coupon.

If it's easier to phone (and you live in the continental United States), call 1-800-225-7090 to subscribe. Otherwise, just send this coupon.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SENTINEL® Box 125, Astor Sta., Boston, MA, U.S.A. 02123

Please send me the Sentinel for

☐ 6 months \$8.75* ☐ 1 year \$17.50*

☐ Check/money order enclosed. ☐ Bill me later (North America only).

Name _____

Address _____

Apt _____

City _____

State/Country _____

Zip/Postal Code _____

*Outside U.S.A., please use current local exchange rate.

R8H

1-800-225-7090

"I will sing of mercy and judgment"

Ps. 101:1

Mercy and judgment—compassion and wisdom. From Bible times, people have praised these qualities. And with good reason. The best solutions to human problems spring from knowledge and good judgment tempered by the warmth and mercy of compassion.

These qualities are also important to The Christian Science Monitor—a world newspaper that helps readers understand global problems and then points out steps being taken toward compassionate solutions.

Doesn't a newspaper like this belong in your home?

**THE
CHRISTIAN
SCIENCE
MONITOR®**

The Christian Science Monitor

Box 125, Astor Station, Boston, MA, U.S.A. 02123
OR

London Bureau, 108 Palace Gardens Terrace, London, England W8 4RT

Please start my subscription to the Monitor:

Daily edition in U.S. dollars:*

☐ 3 months \$13 ☐ 6 months \$26 ☐ 9 months \$39 ☐ 1 year \$49
(a \$3 yearly saving)

*Outside U.S.A., please use current local exchange rate.

Weekly International edition (not available in North America)

Rates include delivery by regular mail from London. Special airmail rates on request.

	U.S. Dollars	British Pounds	W. German Marks	Dutch Guilders	Swiss Francs	Australian Dollars*	New Zealand Dollars*
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 months	12.50	6.75	27.50	27.50	21.25	11.25	12.50
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year	25.00	13.50	55.00	55.00	42.50	22.50	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Check/money order enclosed in one of above currencies.							
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank draft enclosed (U.S. Dollars).							

* For air delivery to Australia and New Zealand, add Australian dollars 14.04 or 28.08 or New Zealand dollars 15.60 or 31.20.

Name (please print) _____

Street _____

Apt./Flat _____

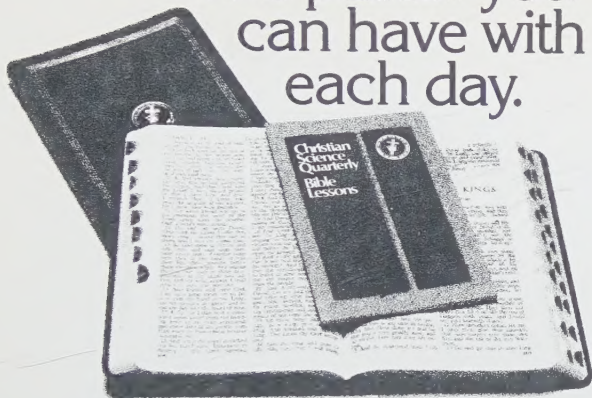
City _____

State/Country _____

ZIP/Postcode _____

R9J

The pastor you can have with you each day.



A good pastor stays close to his flock. He instructs them in spiritual concepts; makes plain the meaning of the Scriptures; links God's care to their everyday experience and progress.

The Christian Science pastor does this uniquely. It's a pair of inspiring books—the Bible itself, and the textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy.

You can meet with this loving pastor daily through study of the Bible Lessons outlined in the *Christian Science Quarterly*.

Make your own appointment. Order a Quarterly subscription for yourself.

Christian Science Quarterly®—Bible Lessons

Box 125, Astor Station, Boston, MA, U.S.A. 02123

Please enter a 1-year subscription for the edition checked.

- ☐ Regular Edition, \$3.25 ☐ Study Edition, \$4.50
☐ I enclose payment. ☐ Bill me later (North America only).

(Please print) (Please do not use this form to renew a subscription)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

APT/RM _____

CITY _____

STATE/COUNTRY _____

ZIP/POSTAL CODE _____

Outside U.S.A. please use current local exchange rate.

R-73

To unlock the Bible's spiritual meaning

Through the ages men and women have found great comfort and hope in God's goodness by reading the Bible. Statistics indicate that today there are more people reading the Bible than ever before.

Yet for many there is a longing for a better understanding of its spiritual meaning. For these seekers, the *Concordance to the Writings of Mary Baker Eddy* can meet a need.



The *Concordance* will help you find over a thousand places where Mrs. Eddy quotes and explains the Bible in her writings. Two appendices in the Complete *Concordance* list all of these scriptural quotations.

And there's more. Throughout Mrs. Eddy's writings there are biblical overtones. The student can locate these in the main *Concordance* by looking up familiar words or phrases from Bible verses.

Study of these scriptural references can help students gain a fuller, deeper understanding of the Bible's spiritual message. The librarian at your nearby Christian Science Reading Room will be glad to help you in your study. The Reading Room has the books you need.

Miss Frances C. Carlson, Publisher's Agent

One Norway Street, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. 02115